

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2003

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, V. C. Brown, Councilmen Norris, Forrester, Thomas, Calhoun, Thomas, Attorney Pruitt, Director Burns, Clerk to Council, Chrisley

Chairman Gunnells called the Public Hearing to order as follows:

A. Adopt an ordinance to amend numbers 88-8, 94-3 and 13-00 to allow both the Board of Fire Control and the Abbeville County Research, Planning and Development Board to recommend to the County Director the appointment of the Fire Marshall and Executive Director respectively and to place these two employees under the supervision of the County Director. There were no comments.

B. Adopt an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Map to change the zoning on six (6) acre tract on Hwy. 72 E. from General Residential to General Commercial. Bill Robinson of McDill Real Estate commented.

C. Adopt an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to a lease-purchase agreement between Abbeville County and Milliken & Company to extend the investment period of ten years for investments in excess of the initial commitment. There were no comments.

D. Adopt an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance to add a section entitled Communications Towers and Antenna. Bill Howard commented about a letter they submitted and requested that the ordinance be adopted and the moratorium lifted.

There being no further comments, the public hearing came to a close.

1. Call to order

11. Pledge of Allegiance

111. Invocation. Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order with prayer given by Councilman Claude Thomas.

1V. Approval of minutes

a. Approval of September 22, 2003 minutes. V. C. Brown made a motion to approve minutes that were seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

b. Approval of October 6, 2003 minutes of Special Meeting. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by V. C. Brown. Councilman Walker said that we should add the purpose of the meeting which was to discuss contractual matters of an economic development. This was added to the motion and passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment

V1. Presentation: Abbeville County Hospital Administrator, Alvin Hoover appeared before Council to press the case for a new hospital facility. Hospital officials have said that the current facility that was constructed in the mid 1960's is aging and needs to be replaced. He said they could build a new facility using their own revenues and all that is needed was the approval of County Council. During the public comment period, Robley Moore of Iva spoke out against the plan for the new hospital.

V11. Committee Presentations:

There were no presentations from the committees

V111. Old Business:

A. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an ordinance to amend Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance to add section entitled Communications Towers and Antenna and that the ordinance be amended to change the \$300 permitting fee to \$500. Councilman Forrester made a motion to have 3rd Reading with the change that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and it is at liberty to update the tower regulations as conditions warrant. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance numbers 88-8, 94-3, and 13-00 to allow both the Board of Fire Control and the Abbeville County Research, Planning and Development Board to recommend to the County Director the appointment of the Fire Marshall and Executive Director respectively and to place these two employees under the supervision of the County Director. After a brief discussion, Councilman Norris made a motion to table this item that was seconded by Councilman Walker. Councilman Thomas requested that it be rescheduled. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of 3rd reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Map so as to change the zoning on a six (6) acre tract on Hwy. 72 E. from General Residential to General Commercial. Councilman Walker made a motion to have 3rd Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to a fee-in-lieu agreement between Abbeville County and Milliken & Company to extend the investment period of ten years for investments in excess of the initial commitment. V. C. Brown made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

1X. New Business:

A. 1st Reading of an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 90-7, as amended (Personnel Policies and Procedures). V. C. Brown made a motion to have 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

B. 1st Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 98-1 (EMS Commission) Councilman Norris made a motion to have 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by V. C. Brown and passed unanimously.

C. Approval of a resolution awarding the contract for drainage at the DSS Bldg. After a brief discussion, Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve the contract for

drainage at the DSS Bldg. in the amount of \$56,500. Motion was seconded by V. C. Brown and passed unanimously.

D. Request for additional money for EMS that included \$2,000 for the Due West Rescue Squad, \$1,000 for Northeast and \$3,000 for Abbeville Rescue due to the fact that the rescue squads had given up some of their funding to help them get through the remainder of the fiscal year. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Funds are to come from the lump sum appropriation.

E. Recommendation to appoint Robert Macialek to the EMS Commission. Councilman Claude Thomas made a motion to appoint Mr. Macialek to the EMS Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

F. Recommendation of Appointment to the BZA Board for District 7. Councilman Claude Thomas made a motion to appoint James "Jimmy" Irwin to the County Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of reappointment of Robert Richey to the BZA Board. Councilman Claude Thomas made a motion to reappoint Mr. Richey to the BZA Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

X. Director's Report

A. Hand out Hwy. 72 Master Plan

B. Title 111 Committee

C. Update on Phone System

D. Update on 911

E. Personnel Policy

F. Meeting with Development Board

X1. Executive Session:

A. Legal and Contractual Matters.

Councilman Walker made a motion to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by V.C. Brown and passed unanimously. Upon returning to open session, Council voted to authorize the County Director to enter into an agreement with SCDOT to allow aggregate and silting protection in connection with the widening of Highway 72.

Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.